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Referred to Committee on Commerce

Introduced by:
(CE)

***AN ACT CONCERNING THE INSTITUTE FOR ENERGY RESOURCES
AT THE UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2007*) (a) On or before January 1,
2 2008, the Department of Economic and Community Development,
3 Connecticut Innovations, Incorporated, the Connecticut Center for
4 Advanced Technology and the Renewable Energy Investments
5 Advisory Committee shall establish an implementation plan and
6 budget for a Center for Leadership in Energy Applications and
7 Research that will include the following: (1) The design and
8 implementation of a clearinghouse for advanced technology
9 information; (2) the development of a broad curriculum of innovative
10 studies and research; (3) a plan to recruit center partners; (4) a plan to
11 coordinate, network and create synergies among industry, investors,
12 universities and government agencies; (5) a plan to leverage funding,
13 including grants, to maximize capital for investments in the state; (6)
14 investments in Connecticut research and development; (7) a plan to
15 apply advanced technology manufacturing measures to improve
16 productivity and efficiency, reduce costs and increase jobs; (8) a plan to

17 match appropriate technology with proper applications to improve on-
 18 site efficiency and grid reliability in the state; and (9) a plan to use
 19 economic models to improve efficiency and return on investments for
 20 Connecticut manufacturing.

21 (b) The center established pursuant to subsection (a) of this section
 22 shall (1) provide leadership and focus regarding advanced energy
 23 technology research, development and application; (2) develop
 24 infrastructure necessary to support the advanced energy marketplace;
 25 (3) focus and promote disparate advanced energy technology assets;
 26 (4) leverage federal funding to advance existing federal and state
 27 efforts; and (5) be located with the Connecticut Center for Advanced
 28 Technologies in the Hartford area to leverage resources.

29 Sec. 2. (*Effective from passage*) The General Assembly shall provide
 30 funding in the amount of ten million dollars annually to the
 31 Department of Economic and Community Development, from the
 32 General Fund, for the fiscal years ending June 30, 2008, June 30, 2009,
 33 June 30, 2010, June 30, 2011, and June 30, 2012, for the purpose of
 34 establishing a Center for Leadership in Energy Applications and
 35 Research pursuant to section 1 of this act.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2007</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>from passage</i>	New section

Statement of Purpose:

To establish and fund a Center for Leadership in Energy Applications and Research.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]